## LEONARD IS ONE OF RING'S REAL CHAMPS

King of the Lightweight Division Is Eleventh to Hold Honor Has Beaten All Logical Contenders and Stands Ready to Meet All Comers.

#### BY BOB PIGUE.

A champion worthy of the name and one of the real kings in the Marquis of Queenlerry game is Benny Leonard, lightweight titleholder and one of the greatest ringmen of all time. Benny has fought all contenders in his division, giving every challenger a crack at his crown any time they desire, but he still reigns su" preme, and the indications are that it will be many years before he is deposed.

wrested the crown from Freddie Weight division, being succeeded in Welsh was when he met Joe Weiling, of Chicago, in a 15-round mill. Benby's title was involved, and had he lost the decision his title would have gene with it. Welling was the most feared lightweight among the many contenders, but Benny, after a great battle, put Joe away in the four-teenth round, after dealing out a terrefle lacing to the plucky Chicagoan

### IS ELEVENTH CHAMPION.

Eleven, a lucky number in shim-mying dominoes, has proved lucky for Leonard, who is the eleventh lightweight champion.

There were many brilliant

titleholders to precede Leonard, but none of them possessed any greater luster than the present champion. Leonard wins the majority of his bouts without

ven mussing up his hair. t will be remembered when he met Red Herring here some time ago, Benny stepped around and then knocked Herring out with little

Leonard has had some stiff bat-les in defending his crown, among the hardest struggles being with Joe Welling and Johnny Dundee. These two boys always give the champion plenty of opposition, but they have yet to come out ahead in their tifts with him. Leonard knocked Weiling out and gave Dundee a severe

There are others seeking Benny's scalp, among them being Lew Ten-dler and Ritchie Mitchell. Mitchell will meet Leonard in a title go on

#### WON CROWN IN 1917.

Leonard won his crown from Freddie Welsh on May 28, 1917. in a fight held in New York city, the mill ending in the ninth

Leonard's toughest battle since he | heavy and advanced to the welter-

McAuliffe reigned supreme until 1893, when he retired undefeated, being the last of the lightweight champions to lay aside the gloves without a blemish upon his record.

#### ERNE BEATS LAVIGNE.

Kid Lavigne then took up the title, and it was not until 1899 that Frank Erne wrested the honors from Laigne in a 20-round battle at Buffa-Some three years later Joe Gans knocked out Erne in a round, and for six years was generally conceded the championship, although Jimmy Britt also claimed it when Gans would not make the weight for him after he had stopped Erne in seven

In the meantime Battling Nelson was rapidly gaining prominence in the division, and after defeating Britt challenged Gans. He lost the first battle on a foul in the 42d round, but followed with two knockout victories over the negro and was hailed undisputed titleholder.

## BAT REIGNED TWO YEARS

Nelson's reign lasted two years, the Dane losing to Ad Wolgast on Feb. 22, 1910, at the end of 40 rounds of vicious fighting, when he was both blind and helpless, and the referee stopped the battle to save him from fur-ther punishment.

On Nov. 28, 1912, Willie Ritchie won from Wolgast on a foul in the sixteenth round. Some two years later Ritchie went to London, where he lost his title to Freddie Welsh at the end of a 20-round bout on the referee's decision. Weish staved off defeat for three years, and it was not until his third 10-round battle with Leonard that he was forced to give up the championship.

in a fight held in New York city, the mill ending in the ninth round. After winning his title Leonard took on a few secondraters, but Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, decided he would annex Benny's title and thereby hold two championships.

Leonard and Kilbane met in Philadelphia on July 25, 1917, and Leonard stopped him in three rounds.

Arthur Chambers was the first of the lightweight bare-knuckle pugilists to establish his claim to the premier position in this class when he defeated Billy Edwards in Canada in 1972. Chambers is generally accorded the title until 1884, when he retired and was succeeded by Jaca Dempsey The latter soon grew too

Ciarksdale next Tuesday night to meet the Ciarksdale "Y." The Flying Squadron has gone to Jonesboro, Ark., where they will take on the Jonesboro high school Friday

The "Y" Rangers will show in Covington Friday night against the city team at that place, said to be a

SMITH FOR MARTIN.

President W. D. Smith of the Bir-mingham Barons is strong for Presi-dent John D. Martin of the Southern

league and stated recently that he was for John D. for re-election to

the office of grand cyclops of the Dixie major. Among other things Prexy Smlth said:

Prexy Smlth said:

"I look for very few changes in the Southern league by-laws at our meeting Dec. 20, despite all of this rumor about proposed changes. Last year we had our most successful season and I don't see any need for very many changes. I am sure President John D. Martin will be re-elected. He has made us a fair, unbiased president and I am in favor of him continuing in office. He is well qualified for the position and I don't think a petter man

and I don't think a better man could be found for the position.

I am in favor of a post-season series with the Texas league. Last year I wasn't, simply be-

cause the Texas league was not in our classification.
"Since the Little Rock-Fort

Worth series the Texas league has been placed in the same

class with the Southern league. This series can be made a won-derful success and I am sure it will be made an annual affair beginning with next fall. This post-season peries should serve

to make the players work all the harder for at will mean quite a

lump of extra coin in their jeans if they are on the winning team. Then, too, it will give the fans something to talk about during the winter months."

RUMLER IN A JAM.

Bill Rumler, former Atlanta and little Rock backstop, is up to his yebrows in the l'acific Coast league

now that the big receiver will be forever barred from the national game as the result of his violation

f the code of the king of sports.
While nothing seriously incrim-

nating has been unearthed against fill as yet, he has been called upon o appear and to unload what he

knows about the crookedness that was known to exist in the Pacific

While Rumler was in the Southern

league there was no hint of any crookedness connected with his name, and it comes as a big surprise

to those who knew him as a Cracker and Traveler that he is in his pres-ent tangle with the heads of the

BASKETBALL TEAM

DYERSBURG ORGANIZES

DYERSBURG, Tenn., Dec. 17.

The sport lovers of Dyersburg met last night and organized what prom-

ises to be one of the fastest basket-ball teams in the entire South, M. H. Scott, president of the Dyersburg

baseball club, was elected president of the organization, which locals feel

of the organization, which locals feel will be equally as successful as their baseball club.

Dyersburg boasts of some of the best basketball material in the coun-

try, and working under the old Dyers-burg slogan of "Nothing but the best"

have gotten down to hard training. No schedule has been arraigned yet,

but the management is desirous of booking games with the best teams

east organization last year.

Memphis Y. M. C. A. Basketball Team Clashes With Arkansans Saturday Night. All Regulars in Lineup.

## BY BOB PIGUE.

Coach George Gleaves and seven regulars of the local Y. M. C. A. basketball team will leave Friday night for Pine Bluff, Ark., where on Saturday evening they will officially open the 1920-1921 basketball season in a game against the strong Pine Bluff "Y" cagers. The personnel of the Memphis party will be Coach Gleaves, Capt. Oliver Perry, Willis McCabe. Norris Blackburn "Dooche" Sherman, "Shorty" Richmond Gill and Rodney Johnson, all regulars on the local quintet.

Coach Gleaves stated Friday morning that he will open the game with the following lineup on the floor: Sherman and Magee, forwards; Blackburn, center; Perry and Mc-Cabe, guards. Gill and Johnson will go along to serve as substitutes in case any of the starters become winded or injured.

## SCHEDULE INCOMPLETE.

The schedule of the local five is incomplete, but here it is as far as it Dec. 18.—Pine Bluff Y. M. C. A. Pine Bluff.

Dec. 27 .- Vanderbilt at Memphis, Dec. 31 or Jan. 1 —University of Michigan at Memphis.

Jan. 14.—Evansville Y. M. C. A. at Memphis. Jan. 21.—Vanderbilt at Nazhville. Jan. 22.—Rambiers at Nazhville. Jan. 25.—American School of Os-

teopathy, of Kirksville, Mo., at Memphis. Feb. 22.—Ramblers, of Nashville, at Memphis. Feb. 26.—Open.

There are many teams seeking dates here, and it is likely that early in February Ole Miss will come to Memphis to meet the local passers.

## COLGATE CANCELS.

Colgate has canceled its date with the Memphis Y. M. C. A. team owing to the fact that it has abandoned its ision to make a Southern trip this

Colgate had intended meeting the Memphis, Atlanta and Birmingham passers while on their tour, but have decided against coming to Dixle.

The University of Michigan has been substituted for Colgate, so local basketball fans are assured a possible.

The second "T" team will go to strong teams, take notice.

# BRINGING UP FATHER-By George McManus

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# TO MANAGE TIGERS

Georgian Likely to Accept Flattering Sum-American League Meeting Gets Under Way in New York.

BY JACK VEIOCK, (International News Service Sporting Editor.)

YORK, Dec. 17 .- "Trade winds" wafted rumors of player deals and other interesting bits of gossip up and down the baseball Rialto here With the arrival of Ban Johnson

and his American league magnates for their annual winter meeting in-terest in baseball affairs, which lag-National league magnates thinned ut, was renewed.

Among the incoming American eaguers was a young man of some reputation—Ty Cobb by name. The peacherino from Georgia dropped into town at the invitation of Presilent Navin, of the Detroit Ameri

eans.
Navin wants Cobb to manage the Tigers and is willing to hand him a contract calling for \$30,000 a year, a raise of \$12,000 over what he has been receiving as a player. Cobb is only human and it is expected that

and perhaps some new ideas that may be introduced by some of the owners, the American leaguers club owners, the American leaguers had a little peace-making to do. The rift between Johnson and his leyal five and Messrs. Ruppert, Huston, Frazer and Comiskey, has not been entirely forgotten. If any real scrap occurs in the meeting it will undoubtedly come over the election of a new board of directors. The American league will probably recommend that the sesson he operated. ommend that the season be opened in conjunction with that of the Na-

#### tional league on April 13 with a schedule of 154 games. Trades in the Air.

The trades pulled off by Brooklyn and the Reds and the Yanks and Red Sox have started the ball rolling. Trading fever spreads fast once it gets a start and for this reason nany other deals were being talked of today. A big four-cornered deal, involving the Giants, Braves, Reds and Cardinals was in prospect today with Heinie Grob said to be headed for New York and Rabbit Maranville involved. Connie Mack, Clark Griffith, Frank Navin and other American league owners are known to have players they are willing to trade. Before the end of the week it is practically certain that Presidents Johnson and Heydler, who will act with Judge Landis in adopting all new baseball legislation from new on, will confer regarding changes in the playing rules and may draft up a new set of regulations governing the world's series. The National league has already gone on record favoring the continuance of the use of the spit ball by pitchers who have learned to depend on it. The American league, it is believed, may take like action. This will be good news o flingers like Stan Coveleskie, hero of the recent world's series; Bill Doak and many others.

## SEVERAL CHANGES IN YALE'S SCHEDULE

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 17. Yale's football schedule for 1921 shows several changes from those of recent years. Nine games are to be played instead of eight and the schedule gives the scene of the game with the Army as New Haven in-stead of West Point, as previously announced. Boston college, Cargeannounced. Boston college, Carpe-gie Tech, Colgate and West Virginia are dropped as Yale opponents, and are dropped as Yale opponents, and the Army, Bates college, University of Vermont, Williams' college and University of Maryland are given places on the schedule. All games are to be played in the Yale bowl except the Harvard contest. The game with North Carolina will be played Oct. 8. played Oct. 8.

# ROTH IS CONFIDENT WILL MEET BURGESS



only human and it is expected that he will fall for the contract.

The meeting of the American league was scheduled for the Hotel Belmont. Johnson's league has not yet ratified the new national agreement and this was one of the important items on the slate.

In addition to routine affairs that always come up in a large meeting, and perhaps some new ideas the training and will be in the last word. Monday night when Kid Roth and gess says he will give sattling Burgess tie up in an eight, greatest battle of his life.

sion in a copper mine at Santa Rita.
N. M. Bayless was 38 years old and
married. He played baseball last
with the Lincoln club in the West. Lovers of action in the ring will get | dent of heating Burgess, while Bur-Roth the ern league in 1917. On the same card will be Young Jack Dempsey and Johnny Leonard, who are down for eight rounds in training and will be in the last word in condition when they step through the ropes. Roth says he is confi-

## HARVARD NINE'S SOUTHERN TRIP

(By International News Service.) spring. The team has abandoned its tour days at Atlanta, meeting University of Georgia, Georgia Tech and probably Oglethorpe university. Columbia will be played April 23 at New York on the way back home.

## DERRILL PRATT WON'T PLAY BALL IN 1921

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Dec. 17.-P. CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 17.—
Harvard's baseball team will make its Southern headquarters on the Georgia Tech field this coming

ANN ARBOLICATION ARBOLICATION AND ARBOLICATION ARBOLICATION AND ARBOLICATION AND ARBOLICATION AR ton Wednesday, would not play league customary barnstorming invasion of the South, dropping Annapolis, Georgetown and Virginia, to spend four days at Atlanta, meeting University of Georgia, Georgia Took and Inght.

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## Willard To Train Three Months For Jack Dempsey

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 17.—Jess Willard, former heavyweight champion, expects to train intensively three months in preparation for his bout to regain the title from Jack Dempsey in New York March 17, according to a statement made here by Ray Archer, his manager.

Archer came to Kansas City from Lawrence. Kas, the home of the former cnampion, to confer with Hugh Walker, a heavyweight concerning the employment of Walker as one of Willard's sparring partners. Walker will meet Capt. Bob Roper, heavyweight champion of the American, expeditionary forces, in a bout here Dec. 30.

Discussing the coming bout with Dempsey, Archer said:

"Willard isn't thinking about money. He wants to prove to the public that he was not himself at Toledo."

BALTIMORE, Dec. 17.—The 1921 football schedule of Johns Hopkins university includes games with the University of Virginia, Oct. 22, and aWhsington and Lee, Nov. 24.

# BETWEEN

WITH BILLY HAACK.

The night Freddie Welsh, then lightweight champion, boxed Bennie Palmer at my club, I ran into a fan the next day who said to me: "I sure tried to find you all day resterday, but was unsuccessed That fight last night cost me \$3."

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DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 17.-Plan-

ning to make postseason series be-tween the champions of the Texas

league and the Southern association an annual affair, Doak Roberts, president of the Texas organization.

and Paul Lagrave, of the Fort Worth team, which won the league pennant last season, and was victorious over the Little Rock team of the South-ern association in a postseason se-ries, will attend the meeting of the Southern managers.

Southern magnates at Memphis Monday.
With the recent elevation of Texas

to class A, the last bar to such an arrangement is believed to have been removed. John D. Martin, president of the Southern, has agreed to submit the proposition to the Memphis meeting. The recent Little Rock-

not having been sanctioned by the

JOPLIN, Mo., Dec. 17.—Relatives of Harry Owen (Dick) Bayless, form-er outfielder with the Western asso-ciation, Western league and Pacific

coast baseball teams, received word yesterday of his death in an explo-

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